

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Prisons Department- NHRC – Case No.627/1/19/08-09/-M-1 – Death of Convict Prisoner, Kandula Ravi, who was under going sentence in Prisons Agriculture Colony, Cherlapalli, Ranga Reddy District on 07.11.2008 –NHRC recommendation to pay a sum of Rs.50,000/- as monetary relief to the next kin of the deceased – Sanction accorded – Orders – Issued.

HOME(PRISONS-HRC) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1391

Dated:- 25- 08- 2011.

Read the following:-

1. From the Joint Registrar(Law),National Human Rights Commission New Delhi Show Cause Notice dated 04-05-2011 in case No.627 /1/19/08-09-M-1.
2. From the Director General and Inspector General of Prisons and Correctional Services, A.P., Hyderabad Lr. No SB3/1269/ 2008, dated 18-06-2011 addressed to National Human Rights Commission.
3. From the Asst. Registrar(Law),National Human Rights Commission New Delhi Letter dated 14-07-2011 in case No. 627/1/19/08-09/-JCD.

ORDER:

In the reference first read above, the National Human Rights Commission has issued Show Cause Notice u/s 18(c) of Protection of Human Rights Act 1993 to the Chief Secretary , Government of Andhra Pradesh calling upon him to show cause as to why monetary relief should not be recommended to be paid to the next kin of the deceased, Kandula Ravi S/o Veeraiah.

2. In the reference second read above, the Director General and Inspector General of Prisons and Correctional Services, A.P., Hyderabad has stated that the Prisoners Agricultural Colony , Cherlapalli is spread over 128 acres. 15 out of 33 Warder posts are vacant. To supervise such a large extent of land atleast 15 Warders are required for day duty. On that fateful day 6 Warders were on day duty. In these circumstances the deceased prisoner had an opportunity of consuming the rodenticide and committing suicide. Further, the responsibility cannot be fixed on the working staff as 6 out 15 Warders were performing duties on that day. Hence it is left to the discretion of the Commission to pay compensation to the deceased prisoner, Kandula Ravi.

3. In the reference third read above, the National Human Rights Commission has stated that the lack of proper monitoring of the prisoners provided the deceased an opportunity to end his life and the responsibility for the same squarely lies on the State Government which is bound to ensure safety of a prisoner in its custody. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances , the Commission recommended to the Government of Andhra Pradesh to pay a sum of Rs.50,000/-(Rupees fifty thousand only) to the next of kin of deceased Convict Prisoner, Kandula Ravi and to forward the compliance report alongwith proof of payment within six weeks i.e, by 31-08-2011.

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4. Government after careful examination, hereby accord sanction for an amount of Rs 50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) towards payment of compensation to the legal heir of the deceased Convict Prisoner, Kandula Ravi S/o Veeraiah died on 07-11-2008 while in Prisoners Agricultural Colony, Cherlapally as directed by the National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi.

5. The amount sanctioned in para 4 above shall be debited to the Head of Account "M.H.8000 – Contingency Fund -2056 Jails – 101. Jails – SH (04) Jails – 500 other charges – 501 Compensation (Charged) and shall initially be met by way of an advance from contingency Fund for which orders, will be issued by the Finance (BG) Department separately.

6. The Director General and Inspector General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, is authorized to draw the amount sanctioned in para 4 above and to place at the disposal of Collector & District Magistrate, Nalgonda for making payment to the legal heirs of the deceased Remand Prisoner, Kandula Ravi and submit compliance report along with the proof of payment by 29-08-2011 without fail.

7. The Director General and Inspector General of Prisons and Correctional Services Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, is requested to take action for obtaining Supplementary Grant at appropriate time during the current financial year 2011-12 towards recoupment of the advance drawn from contingency Fund.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance (Exp.Home) Department, vide their U.O.No.7471/333/A2/Expr.Home /2011, dated: 20-08-2011.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B.P.ACHARYA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General and Inspector General of Prisons and
Correctional Services, A.P., Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Principal Accountant General, (A&E), A.P., Hyderabad.
The Pay & Accounts Officer, Hyderabad.
The District Treasury Officer, Nalgonda District
The Collector & District Magistrate, Nalgonda.
The Deputy Registrar (Law), National Human Rights Commission,
Faridkot House, Copernicus Marg, New Delhi.
The Principal Secretary to Government(Political),
General Administration Department.
The Finance (Exp.H&L) Department.
The Finance (BG) Department.
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//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER